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CASTOR OIL.

There are only four factories manufacturing this article in the United States; three firms are in a combination, and there is one competing firm. The duty is 80 cents a gallon, and the Mills bill would reduce this to 50 cents. The market price for the oil here is 16 cents a pound, elsewhere about 7 cents a pound. Before the combine was effected the price got down to 9 cents; The beans can be as easily raised in this country as elsewhere, but as the market is confined to these three firms, when beans are plenty they bear the price down so that in disgust the farmer does not raise them the next year, when the price goes up; this causes great fluctuations in the market-price of this article.

Chemical Sundries, not dyes, are on the free list or largely reduced by the Mills bill. Sulphates of copper and iron and potash, crude, carbonate, caustic, and crude nitrate of potash are on the free list, as are nitre, cake, Glauber's-salt, and nitrite of soda. The carbonate of potash is almost entirely imported. Since the use of coal in this country has become so general, and the destruction of wood so general, its manufacture here has ceased, and from the nature of its source it should not be encouraged, i.e., burning of wood. It is mined in Germany, and in France the beet root refuse from manufacture of sugar is used for obtaining the carbonate of potash.

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